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Mr. James B. Rhoads
Archivist of the United States
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Dear Mr. Rhoads:

This letter concerns the papers of the Select Committee on Assassinations as created by H. Res. 222 of the Ninety-fifth Congress. H. Res. 49 of the Ninety-sixth Congress extended the time for completing the final report of the Committee to not later than March 31, 1979 (see enclosures).

The Clerk of the House will soon be ready to transmit to the General Services Administration approximately 100 archival boxes together with one safe of the Select Committee on Assassinations. Since this material is classified, it is requested that it be held in the vault of the National Archives and kept under top security conditions. Further, there are approximately 1,000 additional archival boxes of the files of the Committee that are to be placed with other House committee files in the Legislative Records Section of the National Archives.

Please be advised that, as is customary, House Rule XXXVI provides that House records are transferred to the "General Services Administration for preservation subject to the order of the House." With regards to access to the papers of the Select Committee on Assassinations, every letter of authorization from the Clerk of the House is to be interpreted, in the absence of anything to the contrary therein, to authorize access only to previously published records and public documents. All other papers of the Select Committee on Assassinations require specific authorization by the Clerk of the House as a precondition for access to them.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

EDMUND L. HENSHAW, JR., Clerk
U. S. House of Representatives

Enclosures